

United States District Court for the District of Nebraska *continued*

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**Joseph F. Bataillon**  
 Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
 Education: Creighton 1971 BA, 1974 JD  
 Began Service: October 1997  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender,  
 County of Douglas, Nebraska (1974-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Trial Attorney, Emil F. Sodoro P.C. (1980); Trial Attorney,  
 Sodoro, Johnson, Daly, Stave, Cavel & Coffey (1980-1981); Trial  
 Attorney, Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro (1981-1997)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve, United States Department of  
 the Army (1971-1986)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Judicial Division,  
 American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar  
 Association; Omaha Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Richard G. Kopf**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
 Education: Nebraska (Kearney) 1969 BA; Nebraska 1972 JD  
 Began Service: May 26, 1992  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Donald R. Ross, United States Court  
 of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1972-1974)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of  
 Nebraska (1987-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Cook, Kopf & Doyle (1974-1987)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar  
 Foundation, American Bar Association; Nebraska Bar Foundation; Nebraska  
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**Laurie Smith Camp**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
 Education: Stanford 1974 BA; Nebraska 1977 JD  
 Began Service: November 2, 2001  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Corporate:** Associate General Counsel, First National Bank and Trust  
 Company (1977-1978)

**Government:** General Counsel, Department of Correctional Services, State  
 of Nebraska (1980-1991); Chief, Civil Rights Section, Department of  
 Justice, State of Nebraska (1991-1995); Chief Deputy Attorney General  
 for Criminal Matters, Department of Justice, State of Nebraska  
 (1995-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Turner & Boisseau (1978-1979); Solo  
 Practitioner (1980)

**Current Memberships:** Nebraska Bar Foundation; Nebraska State Bar  
 Association; Omaha Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Warren K. Urbom**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1925  
 Education: Wesleyan U 1950 AB; Michigan 1953 JD  
 Began Service: 1970  
 Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Adjunct Instructor of Trial Advocacy, College of Law, University  
 of Nebraska-Lincoln (1979-1991); Adjunct Instructor of Trial Techniques,  
 Emory University (1994-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Baylor, Evnen, Baylor, Urbom & Curtiss

**Military Service:** United States Army (1944-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American College of  
 Trial Lawyers; Lincoln Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Lyle E. Strom**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1925  
 Education: Creighton 1950 AB, 1953 JD  
 Began Service: November 1, 1985  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Creighton University

**Legal Practice:** Fitzgerald, Brown, Leahy, Strom, Schorr & Barmettler  
 (1953-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Merchant Marines (1943-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, American Bar  
 Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature  
 Society; International Academy of Trial Lawyers; Nebraska State Bar  
 Association; Omaha Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Thomas D. Thalken**  
 Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
 Education: Creighton 1964 BA, 1966 JD  
 Began Service: January 4, 1993  
 Term Expires: January 4, 2017

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Nebraska,  
 Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice  
 (1971-1980); First Assistant United States Attorney, District of Nebraska,  
 Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice  
 (1981-1993)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1964-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Nebraska State Bar Association; Omaha Bar  
 Association

**Staff**

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**F. A. Gossett III**  
 Magistrate Judge

Education: Creighton 1972 JD  
 Began Service: May 29, 2003  
 Term Expires: May 29, 2011

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Cheryl Renae Zwart**

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**Cheryl Renae Zwart**  
 Magistrate Judge

Education: South Dakota 1980 BA; Nebraska 1988 JD  
 Began Service: January 15, 2010

**Clerkships:** Career Law Clerk, Chambers of Magistrate Judge David L.  
 Piester, United States District Court for the District of Nebraska

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Knudsen Law Firm; Partner, Knudsen Law Firm

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Bren H. Chambers** ..... (402) 437-1670  
 Education: Nebraska Wesleyan 1997 BS;  
 Doane 2001 MA; Nebraska 2005 JD

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